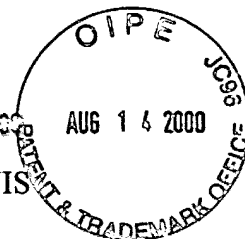


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants provide the following amendment and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 1999. Reconsideration and re-examination in light of the amendment remarks presented below is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In The Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 5, line 31, please delete "warrenting" and insert therefore -- warranting --.

Page 15, line 28, please delete "preliferation" and insert therefore -- proliferation --.

Page 15, line 31, please delete "preliferation" and insert therefore -- proliferation --.

Page 18, line 13, please delete "voulenteers" and insert therefore -- volunteers --.